House Resolution No. 228

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Howard Bruns lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Marie Bruemmer, during a solemn ceremony on January 25, 1958; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Howard and Marie Bruns have had the pleasure of raising two children, Julie Bruns and the Honorable Mark Bruns, Missouri State Representative from the 113th District; and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, Howard Bruns has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring from Missouri Pacific Railroad following thirty-nine years of service; working at Jefferson City Distributors for a quarter century prior to retiring again; and being a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and a member of the St. Peter Holy Name Society and numerous other church committees; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Marie Bruns further distinguished herself as a Fiscal Officer with the Missouri Catholic Conference for more than thirty years and as a member of the Guadalupe Circle, the Daughters of Isabella, and the St. Peter Ladies Sodality; and

Whereas, during their fifty years together, Howard and Marie Bruns have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bruns of Jefferson City will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on January 25, 2008, at McClung Park:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Honorable Mark Bruns in extending our most hearty congratulations to his dear parents, Howard and Marie Bruns, and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bruns, as a measure of our esteem for them.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 228, adopted January 24, 2008.